

**REMARKS**

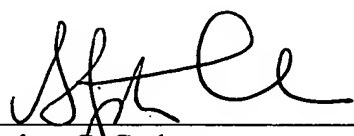
By this amendment, claim 1 is pending, in which claims 2-26 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, no claims are newly presented. No new matter is introduced.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at 703-425-8516 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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